

**THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION 34-20**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CAPITAL PROJECTS GRANT AGREEMENT
WITH THE STATE OF MARYLAND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR
THE FOREST HEIGHTS SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT (PHASE I) ALONG
HURON DRIVE**

Introduced By: Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2013, the Mayor and Council pursuant to Resolution 70-13 approved an engineering proposal by Pennoni Associates, Inc. ("Pennoni"), for design of the reconstruction of North Huron Drive, which included an allowance to subcontract with A.D. Marble & Company ("A.D. Marble") to prepare a comprehensive set of final design plans and bidding documents; and

WHEREAS, according to Pennoni's proposal dated September 19, 2013, the geographic location of North Huron Drive within the lowest section of Town and in close proximity of Oxon Run makes the improvement of this roadway crucial for successful repairs and rehabilitation of drainage systems along others streets in Town, particularly since the topography of the Town slopes towards North Huron Drive and ultimately the drainage systems will connect to the drainage system constructed along North Huron Drive, which make the roadway and drainage improvements along North Huron Drive the building blocks upon which all of the other Town street improvements will be based upon; and

WHEREAS, said proposal further states that the design of improvements along North Huron Drive to be included in three (3) phases to include (i) sidewalks, (ii) roundabout and landscaping, and (iii) street repaving incorporates Complete Street and Green Street elements and includes a holistic approach to addressing walkability, connectivity, stormwater management and drainage design; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School ("SRTS") Program is a federal-funded, reimbursement program administered by the Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration ("MDOT SHA") to enable and encourage children to safely walk, roll, or bicycle to school; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 37-15, the Mayor and Town Council approved the Forest Heights SRTS Program Grant administered by the SHA for funding of up to the maximum amount of \$211,000 for the SRTS Project; and

WHEREAS, the SRTS Project (North Huron Drive Sidewalks - Phase I) consists of approximately 2,720 linear feet of concrete sidewalk, five (5) feet wide, along North Huron Drive from its eastern limits at the intersection with Seneca Drive to its western limits at its

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intersection with Seneca Drive, thirty nine (39) driveway crossings, seven (7) ADA ramps, with lump sum provisions for a 150 linear foot walking/biking path connection from N. Huron Drive to the asphalt path on the Forest Heights Elementary School grounds (i.e., links sidewalk to school), signage and markings for a walkway on the north side of N. Huron Drive; and

WHEREAS, further pursuant to Resolution 37-15, the Mayor and Town Council appointed Mr. Stanley Mosley as project sponsor and agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding for Safe Routes to School Project Grant Year "G" – Forest Heights with SHA; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2019, the Town Council approved Resolution 52-19 which awarded the bid and authorized the Mayor to execute a contract on behalf of the Town with Fort Myer Construction Corporation for the construction of a sidewalk project along North Huron Drive for a total cost of \$539,449.10; and

WHEREAS, there are other sources of funding being used by the Town to pay for this construction project, which approximates \$555,764 in total project costs; and

WHEREAS, each year the Maryland General Assembly and the local delegation entertains requests to assist those entities and local governments requesting funding from the General Assembly for capital projects through the submission of bond bills of which the subject grant is enabled pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Laws of Maryland for 2019 (DGS Item 296); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights deem it in the best interests of the Town to accept the grant award of \$125,000.00 from the State acting through the Board of Public Works to fund the SRTS Project improvements for North Huron Drive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, that the Town hereby accepts and approves the \$125,000.00 "Forest Heights Safe Route of School Project" grant authorized by the General Assembly of Maryland according to the terms and conditions of the below-referenced grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor or her designee is hereby authorized to sign the State of Maryland Capital Projects Grant Agreement, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit A, and the Town Clerk is hereby directed to attest to the Town representatives' signature affixed thereon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 17 day of June 2020.

APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

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ROLL CALL VOTE

YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT

MUHAMMAD

KENNEDY II

NOBLE

BARNES

HINES

WASHINGTON

ATKINSON

Yea
Yea
Yea
Yea
Yea
Yea
Yea

ATTEST:

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS,
MARYLAND

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

SIGNATURE ON FILE

By:

Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

SIGNATURE ON FILE

By

Calvin Washington, Council President

[Exhibit A – State of Maryland Capital Projects Grant Agreement with Application]

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 14 day of June 2020 with 7 Aye votes and 0 Nay votes the aforesaid Resolution 34-20 passed.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk